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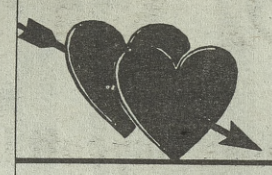
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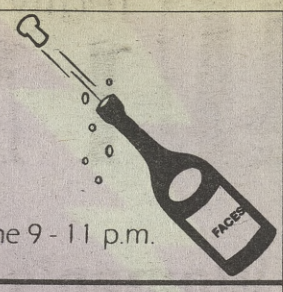
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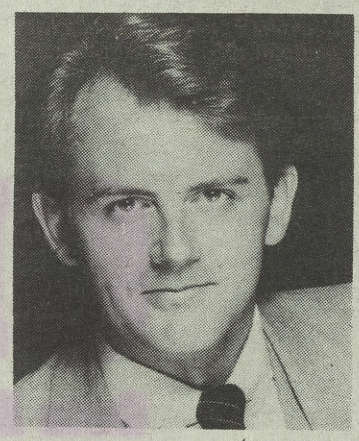
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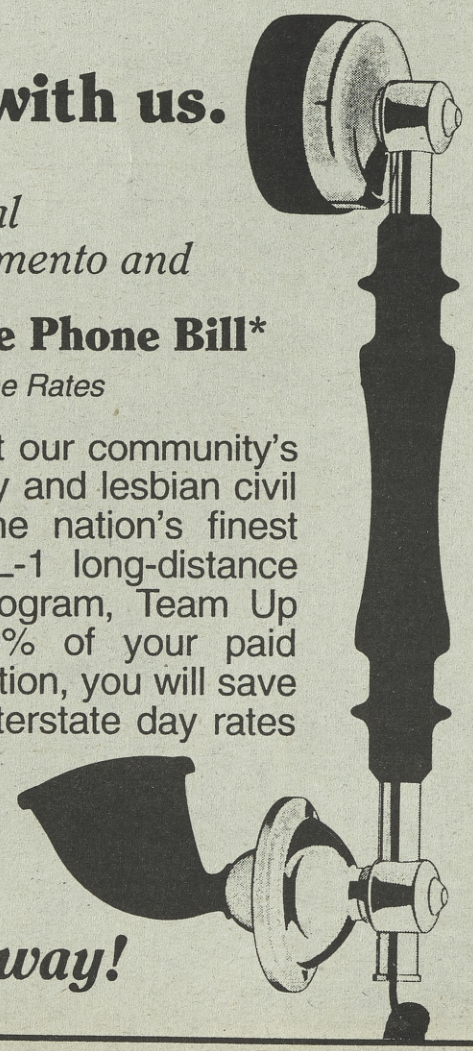
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President Clinton's announced plan to lift the ban on gays in the military precipitated a firestorm of protest across the country. Career servicemen threatened to resign, Republicans promised to make the ban law and predictions of doom and dramatic change abounded.

Men everywhere took to the airwaves to protest ending the ban. Speeches, as well as conversations, seemed to begin with a determined\ed focus on the morale issue and steadily declined toward ridiculous predictions of hand-holding in the barracks and kissing on the battlefields. The message that came through loud and clear, was simply this -- many straight men are simply afraid.

Unlike women, most straight men have never had to consider the possibility that they could be sexually threatened, that someone physically stronger could take from them what they refuse to give. The fear of rape is so emasculating, though, that many men refuse to even consider the fear, much less acknowledge it as the basis of their opposition to gays in the military. Instead, they follow the easy route and call us names -- weak, sick, un-American.

Now is the time for the U.S. Military to face its fears and agree to treat all Americans fairly. Call President Clinton and voice your support.

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LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.

Thinks Boycott is a Big Mistake

Editor,

I have become convinced that the Boycott Colorado movement is a hasty and self-defeating response to a very real threat.

As everyone must know by now, three of the communities most affected by this boycott -- Denver, Boulder, and Aspen -- have gay rights ordinances. "They'll just have to sacrifice" is the usual response of boycott supporters, often with the implied accusation that members of these cities (which voted overwhelmingly against Amendment 2) are at fault for not having done more to stop it.

This is great hindsight, but lousy politics. The fact is, we're hurting our supporters in hopes that a little of the economic pain will trickle down to our opponents. Sound familiar? Trickle-down punishment is even goofier than trickle-down economics.

The boycott movement has quickly taken on an aura of political orthodoxy. On this (as on so many other issues), debate should be encouraged, not squelched. Perhaps the time will come when a blanket boycott of Colorado seems like our only option. But it should be a last resort, not a knee-jerk first response.

Sincerely,
Sasha Alyson

Thanks for the Article on LIFE

Editor,

I would like to commend your article on LIFE (The Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality) written by Michael Gorman.

We in the Sacramento gay community need to be aware that there are local organizations who represent us in political circles. We also need to support them voluntarily and financially in their endeavors to monitor the goings on in the state and local government.

Roberto Morales

Only PC Humor Allowed

Editor,

To all your readers who complained about Bob Cook, whatever happened to freedom of speech?

I never saw that news program where Bob Cook made his "awful comment" and never would have heard about it if you didn't complain. Thousands of others probably would have never heard about it either if nobody got upset about it.

I thank Bob for being brave enough to say what he had to say, despite the fact that he could be persecuted for it. As of now it looks free speech has gone the way of dinosaurs, and the P.C. Police have no sense of humor.

Michelle Kunert

Thank You!

Dear latest ISSUE staff,

The Romanovsky and Phillips and Linda Tillery concerts were a big success. You folks were instrumental in making it happen, and we at SAGA want to let you know how much we appreciate your support. these concerts, and the events to come, will help send some of Sacramento's proudest gay and lesbian athletes to New York in 1994.

The latest ISSUE has consistently shown itself to be a champion in promoting the development of the gay and lesbian community in Sacramento. Kate, you and your staff deserve a gold medal every month. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
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AROUND TOWN

District 5 Candidates Vie For Gay Vote

by **Stan Carlsen**

Just when it seemed that the political season was over, residents of Sacramento's 5th District are being asked to fill the City Council seat vacated by Mayor Joe Serna. The special election is to be held on Tuesday, March 2.

Five candidates have filed for the seat. They are: Dr. Barbara Arnold, a registered Republican, and Ella Hall-Coates, Patrick Kennedy, Deborah Ortiz, and Jean Shaw-Connelly, all Democrats.

Although the race is technically non-partisan, "the reality is that political parties are involved in providing volunteers," according to Michael Boyd, co-chair of the River City Democratic Club. The RCDC has endorsed Ortiz for the seat. As part of the endorsement by a 22-vote margin over her nearest competitors Kennedy and Shaw-Connelly, who received five votes apiece.

The Capitol Political Action Committee (CAP/PAC), a non-partisan gay and lesbian organization which provides financial and political support for local candidates, voted to give a dual endorsement to both Ortiz and Shaw-Connelly. As with the RCDC endorsement, endorsed candidates will receive $500.

CAP/PAC Board member Lou Camera believes both candidates questionaires and invitations to attend our endorsement forum. "Only Shaw-Connelly and Ortiz returned the forms and showed up to make presentations," Camera said.

The endorsed candidates have both shown a committment to work with gay and lesbian citizens, listening to their concerns, "Deborah sought our input during the redistricting process in 1990, and she helped to create a single district for the (heavily gay) Lavender Heights neighborhood," said Boyd, who is a member of Ortiz's steering committee.

This election is of particular importance for the gay and lesbian community in that it will reflect the political power of endorsements given by gay groups. In addition, the vacancy left by Serna created a vacum. As a council member, Joe was very responsive to community concerns and opened his home to a diverse cross-section of constituents.

The 5th District has been re-apportioned since the last election, and now includes parts of East Sacramento including the T Street corridor, the UC Med Center neighborhoods as well as Curtis and Land Parks.

DEADLINES

The editorial deadline for our next issue is March 1st. Camera-ready advertising materials are due by March 5th.

Meet New Lambda Board Feb. 17

A reception to introduce the new Board of Directors of the Lambda Center will be held at Lambda Community Center on Wednesday, February 17th, at 5 p.m., with the monthly Board meeting following at 6:30 p.m. The community is invited.

For further information, contact Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street, Sacramento 95814, at 442-0185.

Sac. Gay/Lesbian Educators Meet

Sacramento Area Gay and Lesbian Educators are now meeting regularly with monthly meetings for teachers, administrators, college students, and all others affiliated with education.

Most current members are Sacramentans, but several come from Placerville, El Dorado Hills, Auburn, Galt, Lodi, Modesto, Stockton, Vacaville, Fairfield, and the Bay Area.

The group charges no dues; instead they ask early in the year for active members to donate $5 to cover the yearly printing and mailing costs for their monthly newsletter.

The January program presented details about Equity Institute's "Project Empowerment" retreat workshop scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 12-14 in the East Bay Area.

For information on the March 10th program call Mike at 456-1610, or talk with JoEllen at 736-0345.

Lockrem-West Deliver



Brian Ashby

The cover story on the December ISSUE featured parents-to-be Barb and Pam Lockrem-West. Cady Laurel was born on Jan. 24.

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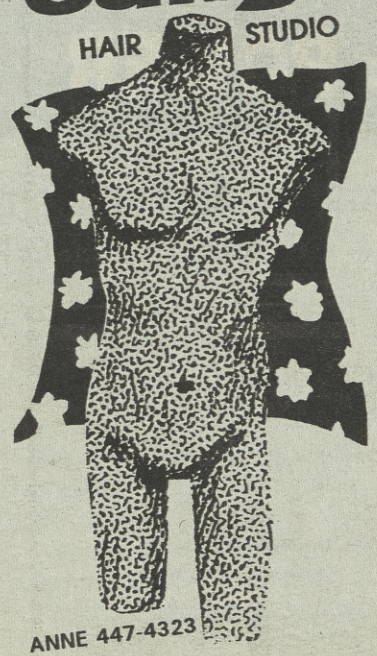
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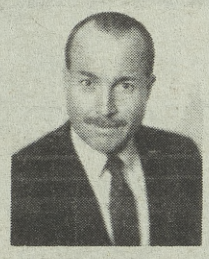
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Women Battering Women

Two Survivors Speak Out on Domestic Violence

by **Ken Locke**

From the day they met, Sarah and Jennifer felt they would spend the rest of their lives together. For four years they worked together, lived together, and loved each other with a passion and tenderness they never wanted to end.

Then one day, Jennifer was injured on the job, and had to have surgery. Unable to work and having no success in receiving worker's compensation, Jennifer took out her rage on Sarah. From the first time Jennifer slapped her, the abuse became progressively severe and devastating.

Sarah went to work with bruises, but at first they were not visible because, Sarah explains, "She would only hit me below the neck -- she knew how to manipulate the bruises. But after awhile, she didn't care where she hit me or how badly she hurt me."

"One morning," recounts Sarah, "she woke up in a bad mood. She started screaming and yelling." When she was unable to calm her, Sarah took her two young daughters, ages 13 and 5, and took refuge at a neighbor's house. A couple of hours later, Jennifer came pounding at the door, until she kicked it in, then lunged across the table and attacked Sarah, punching her in the face and stomach. After she chased her up a stairway, Jennifer continued punching her, kicked her repeatedly in the ribs, and literally dragged her down the stairs, Sarah's head hitting all thirteen steps. At that point, Sarah had a broken nose and cheekbone, six broken ribs, and a concussion.

Throughout the ten minutes of the assault, the neighbor called 911 three times for an ambulance. Instead, the police came. As one of the officers restrained Jennifer, and as Sarah lay on the floor bleeding, the supervising officer said, "Don't get involved. It's just a domestic dispute." The supervising officer refused to call for an ambulance, but put Sarah and her daughters in the back of the squad car and drove Sarah to the hospital, as Sarah went in and out of consciousness.

After she got out of the hospital, Sarah moved in with her parents, moved away, and had extensive counseling. Jennifer was never arrested.

Sarah's story illustrates predominant societal attitudes that violence inflicted by women is not as serious or real as violence by men.

Sarah went to W.E.A.V.E.'s battered women's shelter (Women Escaping a Violent Environment), to survive the horrible trauma that she endured for those three years. Her fear of the stigma associated with being a lesbian almost prevented her from going there altogether. In fact while she was there, she did not divulge her abuser's gender. "As far as they were concerned, a man did it to me," she said. After several months of struggling to live her life, she returned to W.E.A.V.E., realizing she had to talk about her experience in order to heal the emotional open wounds it had left.

Sarah had been an active, vital person and a successful businesswoman, someone with confidence and ambition. "I was always in charge of my life," she said, "but that day (of the first slap) it was all taken away from me."

Jackie and Beth worked together and often slept together, though it was by no means a stable, monogamous relationship. Beth was promiscuous, and had affairs with two of Jackie's close women friends. They were actually together as a couple for a short time, a couple of months, but in that time Beth demanded full control over Jackie's life -- where she went, who she was friends with, who she would talk to. Jackie, like Sarah, was a successful businesswoman. She was also a leader in the community and a dynamic personality. Throughout her involvement with Beth, even when the situation grew increasingly ugly, Jackie continued her career and did a very good job of concealing the anguish and humiliation she was suffering.

Several months after they split, Beth went to Jackie's house, very drunk. She began kissing and grabbing Jackie, and Jackie tried to push her away, but Beth overpowered her. She remembers Beth forcing her onto the bed and raping her. After brutalizing her, Jackie remembers, Beth stood up, zipped up her pants and said to her, "Now do you know I love you?"

Jackie, emotionally scarred, felt like shattered glass inside, and on one occasion attempted suicide. She lived with her trauma alone, until, a year after Beth's attack, she went to W.E.A.V.E. She came to recognize that what Beth had done was nothing less than rape, and that Beth had inflicted abuse in many ways, including the promiscuity and verbal abuse.

When she decided to press criminal charges, Jackie encountered an insensitive, hostile policewoman who reacted incredulously to the idea that a woman could rape another woman. "You'd think since she was a woman she'd be sympathetic," she says. "But it was the most humiliating and degrading experience.

Women are victimized in the relationships, and abused again by their friends who sometimes totally invalidate their trauma.

Such is the multifaced dilemma faced by hundreds of thousands of abused women whose supposedly supportive friends and family negate their identities as lesbians, and who cannot conceive of how a woman can harm another woman in such ways.

Jackie and Sarah both say W.E.A.V.E. saved their lives. "If it hadn't been for W.E.A.V.E.," says Sarah, "I'd be in prison, she'd be in prison, or I'd be dead."

In their ordeals, they have seen that the cycle of violence is one that perpetuates itself. Just as in heterosexual relationships, once violence enters the picture, a frightening pattern develops. In almost all cases, the abuser will use harsh verbal harassment and criticism and pick away at their partner's weak spots, a technique that the El Dorado Women's Center describes as analogous to brainwashing. Both Jackie and Sarah emphasize that no woman is immune to abuse.

The first incident of violence, the first instance of verbal insults or degradation, though the woman's inclination may be to dismiss it, is in fact a warning sign of the danger to come.

W.E.A.V.E. is currently forming a partnership with the Lambda Community Center and creating a peer-counseling program for battered gay men and women as well as batterers. The Lambda Center will recruit people from the gay community and train them to be counselors.

Drop-in discussion groups will meet at the Lambda Community Center every Monday at 7 p.m. Finally, members of the same sex couples experiencing domestic violence will have a place to go where their issues are specifically addressed.

As society begins to realize that violence among lesbian/gay couples is as prevalent and as destructive as heterosexual couples, women like Sarah and Jackie go about their lives with the pain and the vivid memories.

Many nights Sarah has awaken in a cold sweat, fearful and disoriented, and gone into her daughter's bedroom. She holds on tight to her daughter to remind herself that in spite of the pain, she still has the capacity to love and be loved, without condition or fear.

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Achtenberg Appointed to Top Federal Post



Judi Parks

Roberta Achtenberg smiles as her nomination to the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development is applauded.

by **Dennis Conkin**

San Francisco Suprervisor Roberta Achtenberg was formally nominated by President Clinton on Feb. 2 to be an assistant secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

If confirmed by the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, Achtenberg, 42, former director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, will be the first open lesbian appointed to a top federal post.

Achtenberg will head the agency's 700 person fair housing and equal opportunity unit.

"It is a distinct honor and privilege, as I am sure you can appreciate, to have received this vote of confidence from this president who has my devotion and respect," she said.

Achtenberg acknowledged that she is the first open lesbian to be nominated for such a high post, but downplayed the issue during a press conference announcing the appointment by Clinton.

"I believe I was chosen because I was a public officer, because I have demonstrated my committment to his government to support people who most need it. I believe my record stands," Achtenberg said.

Achtenberg declined to speculate on what the appointment might mean to the national lesbian and gay movement.

"I would not pressure to speak for the lesbian and gay community, but I have to say for this lesbian that she is honored to be selected to serve," she said.

Ironically, the unit Achtenberg will head does not monitor anti-gay housing discrimination because ther are no federal protections against such bias.

Senate confirmation hearings on the appointment will not be held for at least three weeks.

> Achtenberg will be the first lesbian appointed to a top federal post.

The HUD post pays $115,700 a year.

The former national co-chair of the Clinton-Gore presidential campaign, Achtenberg is the domestic partner of Judge Mary Morgan, a San Francisco Municipal Court judge. The couple has one child.

Lesbians May Have Gay Sisters

Lesbians and bisexual women are up to five times more likely than heterosexual women to have lesbian or bisexual sisters, indicating that female homosexuality runs in families, a new study found.

The report's author, J. Michael Bailey an associate professor of psychology at Northwestern University, led an earlier study published in December 1991 that found genes influence male homosexuality. His research for that study was based on male twins.

Military Gays Come Out

Three sailors publicly announced their homosexuality at a rally held at Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California. The rally drew over 200 supporters of President Bill Clinton's promise to lift the ban on gays in the military.

Navy lieutenant Zoe Dunning, Hospital Corpsman Mike Vallejo, and Navy Personnel Mark Franks all declared their homosexuality for the first time at the rally.

Keith Meinhold, the gay sailor who was reinstated to active duty in November, said,"I am very proud to serve with them in the Navy. All three are very courageous; they will need to rely on their courage in the coming days."

Marines Beat Up Gay Man

Three Marines were charged with assault after allegedly dragging a gay man out of a North Carolina gay bar and beating him while shouting "Clinton must pay," authorities said.

The victim, Crae Pridgen, was treated and released from a hospital after the attack early on Jan. 30 outside the bar, Mickey Ratz.

"They're worried about allowing people like us in the military," Pridgen said. "But I'm concerned about people like this who are supposed to be protecting me, my civil rights and my country."

Washington May Have Rights Law

A ban on discrimination against gays and lesbians in Washington state has a solid chance at the Legislature this year after more than a decade of failure, proponents say.

Rep. Cal Anderson, the legislature's only openly gay member, said last week he will introduce a measure granting gays and lesbians the same protections against discrimination now covering people based on religion, race, sex, ethnic origin and disability.

Here She Is ... Ms. America



On Jan. 25 at the NAMES Project Foundation's workshop, Miss America 1993, Leanza Cornett, age 21, of Jacksonville, Florida, presented a 3'x6' cloth panel commemorating women of Central Florida who have died of AIDS to the NAMES Project Foundation for inclusion in the 22,000-panel AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Ms. Cornett's platform as Miss America 1993 is "AIDS Affects All." Ms. Cornett considers the Quilt to be one of the world's most effective AIDS educational tools, which is why she marched in President Bill Clinton's Inaugural Parade as a member of the NAMES Project contingent.

Amendment 2 on Hold in Colorado

A Denver District Judge ordered the block of Amendment 2, Jan. 15 after taking under careful consideration the constitutionality of the anti-gay voter iniative.

The decision follwed a four-day hearing on lawsuits filed by a heterosexual man with AIDS, eight lesbians and gays, and the cities of Boulder, Denver, and Aspen.

The judge felt an "urgent necessity" to put a temporary injunction on Amendment 2 because he felt it places lesbians and gays in "real, immediate and irreparable injury."

Finally America is Talking About Our Civil Rights

by **Dennis Conkin**

The lesbian and gay struggle for civil rights has become a regular subject of discussion around the dinner table in homes across America, says a spokesman for the Washington, D.C. based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"The military issue has exploded gay and lesbian issues into the public arena and debate like never before," said NGLTF spokesman Robert Bray.

"Not only are our issues being discussed and debated at the highest levels of the White House and the Senate but they are being discussed on a regular and daily basis in restaurants and cafes and homes around the nation," Bray said.

"I said a year ago that I though the mainstream media was on the verge of taking our movement seriously, but well, the military issue has resulted in a dramatic and unprecedented debate in our society about gay and lesbian issues," Bray said that at the heat of the controversy over President Clinton's action on a campaign promise to lift the ban, that the 26,000 member advocacy group received 700 calls a day -- from lesbians and gays all over the country who wanted to get involved.

"A good number of the calls were from people in the closet who were just fed up," he said.

The Human Rights Campaign fund, a DC based gay rights lobby also said its members sent more than 70,000 telegrams letters on the issue to Congressional officials urging support for ending the ban.

"The community began to respond in overwhelming numbers and as a result of those efforts we won a substantial victory when the senate voted to kill the Bill Coates' amendment," said Greg King, an HRCF spokesman.

The amendment continuing the ban was attached to a family leave legislation but was defeated by the Senate.

According to Congressman Gerry Studds, D-Mass, the military is "the last bastion of officially sanctioned across the board, blatant discrimination in this country."

Studds, a gay man, has been a Congressional leader in the fight to end military discrimination against lesbian and gays.

Studds called the issue "a fundamental civil rights issue" and said that he believed the majority of the American public did not support discrimination.

Bray said that he believed Clinton and his advisors were stunned and caught off guard by the intense reaction from the religious right wing over the issue -- as well as criticism from the Joint Chiefs of Staff about lifting the ban.

"They were organizing in evangelical churches all across America. The far right wing owns 1200 radio stations including a couple of superstations, they owned the nations largest cable network, they have an awesome publishing warhorse," he said.

The lesbian and gay community managed to turn that around reaction in two weeks, Bray said -- although he acknowledged that there was no way it could match the opposition and that there was criticism for the slow reaction.

While the reaction may have been slow, it was effective, says openly gay Chief Naval Petty Officer Keith Meinhold.

Meinhold said that although there may be fear and opposition to the issue os gays in the military, that he, too, believes the majority of the American people are opposed to the ban and support the equal right to serve.

And that's what the fight has been all about from the beginning, says San Francisco Supervisor Carol Migden. "Gays and Lesbians should have as much right as anyone else to join the military and to serve their country. That's what equal civil rights are all about," she said. "To have the options that others have."



Judi Parks

Lesbian and gay soldiers come out at Moffet Field in anticipation of President Clinton's repeal on the banon gays in the military. Mike Vallejo, Zoe Dunning, Keith Meinhold and Mark Franks stand proudly in front of the entrance to the base.

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Planning Ahead for

The March On Washington in April

by **Stacy Selmants**

With close to a hundred events scheduled (not including bar-sponsored gatherings) and an expected 1 million participants, the 1993 National March on Washington, on April 25 promises to be the biggest queer extravaganza of the year.

The March has been organized to celebrate our achievements, our political power, and our new access to the White House, as well as to provide a way to voice our concerns about gay civil rights and AIDS funding and treatment.

Organizers hope that participation will far exceed the estimated 650,000 people who participated in the 1987 March on Washington. Organizers have made efforts to broaden the March's perspective by calling for "Lesbian, Gay and Bi (sexual) Liberation."

The March's Action Statement also calls for an end to "racism, sexism, class bias, economic injustice and religious intolerance."

Among the many events, a mass wedding for gay, lesbian and bisexual couples will be held at 11 a.m. on April 24, and organizers are especially interested in finding the "longest-term" couple for each of the three categories, and are awarding free travel expenses for each couple. (One likely "winning" couple has been together for 46 years, so relative newlyweds may have to wait a few decades.)

The marriage ceremony, which may include as many as 4,000 couples, will be conducted by the Reverend Troy, the founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. For more information, call Reverend Kittredge Cherry, at (213) 464-5100.

Another key component of the week's events are the several Lobby Days which are being sponsored by the March Committee, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Mobilization Against AIDS. Lobby Days are scheduled for April 21-23 and again on April 26-27. For more information, call (202) 628-4160.

According to our "family" travel agents, including those at Sports Leisure Travel and Red Shoes Travel, price wars on airline tickets to Washingtion D.C. are expected to occur in February and March, so watch for bargains. Available hotel rooms in the desirable Dupont Circle area have already been snatched up, but there is still space available in other locales. The March Committee also has organized a community housing referral service (it may just be floor space!) and they can be reached at (202) 628-0493.

And now, for the comprehensive list :

Wednesday, April 21

Lobby Day (202) 628-4160 or (202) 332-6483 / Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (meeting) (202) 628-0493.

Thursday, April 22

AIDS Cure Now Demonstration - ACT UP (202) 328-AIDS. / Masquerade Ball (202) 628-0493. / Victory Fund Candidate Training (202) VICTORY. / People of Color Lobby Briefing (202) 628-0493. / National Minority AIDS Council Dinner (202) 544-1076. / Holocaust Museum Candlelight Vigil (202) 628-0493.

Friday, April 23

Lesbian Action Breakfast- National Lesbian & Gay Task Force (202) 332-6483. / Human Rights Campaign Fund Fundraising Gala (202) 628-4160. / National Gay & Lesbian Task Force annual event (202) 332-6483. / Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International banquet and reception (301) 762-4828./ Lesbian Health Care Fundraiser/Dance (202) 797-3585. / S/M Leather-Fetish Pride Party (with fantasy performances and "surprise" entertainment) 8 p.m., Quorum, 56 L St., NE. / Drag Show Extravaganza (202) 628-0493. / HOEDOWN '93, a "Country Western Dance Extravaganza" ($20) 9 p.m., 401 F St., NW. (202) 298-0928. / Gay Men's Chorus of Washington festival (including other choruses, such as the S.F's Men's Chorus) Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H, NW. (202) 338-SING. / Asian & Friends Welcome Reception (202) 387-ASIA. / Rainbow Alliance Conference, sponsored by the Capitol Rainbow Alliance of Deaf Gays. Write: CMRA Box 33257, DC, 20033. / ACT UP Network Benefit (202) 328-AIDS. / Lesbian Country Western Dance (202) 628-0493. / Forgotten Scouts Renovation Project (202) 628-0493. / March on Washington & NGLTF Concert (202) 628-0493. / Disabled People's Dance (202) 833-1638. / Prejudice Reduction Workshop (202) 628-0493. / Transgender Action National Meeting (202) 628-0493.

Saturday, April 24

Congregation Bet Mishpachah Shabbat Morning Service (202) 833-1638. / Bisexual Conference (202) 736-1755. / Soccer Tournament on the Mall (202) 965-1549. / Human Rights Campaign Fund Lesbian Breakfast & Leadership Conference (202) 628-4160. / Asian Pacific Lesbians Meeting (301) 589-4462. / Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Law Association Meeting (202) 628-628-0493. / Lesbian/Gay Bands concert / Harvey Milk Memorial Unveiling, Ken McPherson, (415) 621-6367. / Youth Empowerment Speakout/Dance (24 and under) (202) 546-5940. / Nat'l Minority AIDS Council reception (202) 544-1076. / Student Dance 9-12 p.m. (202) 338-1582. / Time to Shine: Day of Healing for People Living With AIDS (415) 255-8436. / Texas Two-Step party (202) 628-0493. / Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans Meeting (802) 479-7934. / Washington Blade Welcoming Breakfast for Gay media 1408 U St., NW / S/M Leather Fetish Nat'l Conference Noon-6 p.m. Mellon Auditorium. / The Wedding: Ceremony IRS Bldg. 1111 Constitution Ave.; Reception, Tracks, 1111 1st St., SE. / Dance, Human Rights Campaign Fund/National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (202) 628-4160. / Flirtations Concert, tribute to Michael Callen 8 p.m. Hine Jr. High, 8th and Penn, SE. / Queer Scout Cookie Sellathon (202) 628-0493. / Poetry Reading for South Asian Lesbians (202) 234-4904. / Evening of Jewish Lesbian Entertainment (202) 628-0493. / AA & Al Anon Dance (202) 628-0493. / March on Washington Black Tie Gala (202) 628-0493. / Drag Show Extravangaza (202) 628-0493. / People With Disabilities Brunch (202) 628-0493. / Bisexual Dance (202) 736-1755. / Lesbian Health Teach In and Dance (202) 332-6483. / Reception for Dianne Feinstein (202) 628-0493. / Gay Spirit Meditation (202) 628-0493.

Sunday, April 25

MARCH! MARCH! MARCH! (202) 628-0493. / Dance, HRCF & NGLTF, (202) 628-4160 / MCC Communion Service at Lincoln Memorial (213) 464-5100. / NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Display. / Lesbian Physicians Conference (215) 476-7462. / Freedom Rings Dance (202) 628-0493.

Monday, April 26

Lobby Day & Congressional Reception (202) 628-4160. / Direct Action & Civil Disobedience (415)930-0616 or (202) 628-4160.

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February

12 friday

Marcus Roberts and Ellis Marsalis perform solo and duo piano improvisation at UCD Freeborn Hall at 8 pm. For tickets call, 752-1915.



Women of Color Support Group, at the Lambda Community Center. An ongoing social/support environment for women of color. 7:15 pm. For more information call Josie at 442-0185.

A Man for All Seasons at the Show Below. For more details call 446-2787.

Feb. 12 - 20

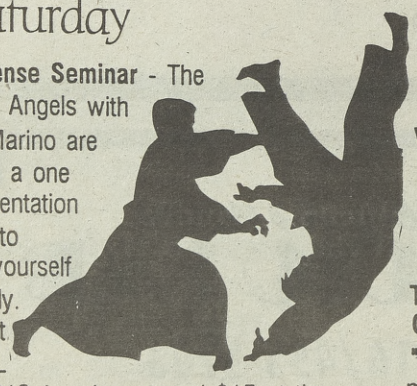
Now, Voyager, a movie starring Bette Davis plays at Crest Theatre shows at 7 & 9:15. $5 general/ $3 Senior & Child.

High School Art - The Crocker Art Museum presents Art Within the Walls: Sacramento High School's Visual And Performing Arts Center. Call 264-5423 for ticket and general information.

Feb. 12 - Mar. 7

13 saturday

Self-Defense Seminar - The Lavender Angels with Midge Marino are providing a one day presentation on how to defend yourself effectively. YWCA at 17th & L Street. $10 in advance and $15 at the door. $5 for PWAS. Call 442-4741 ext. 14 to register.

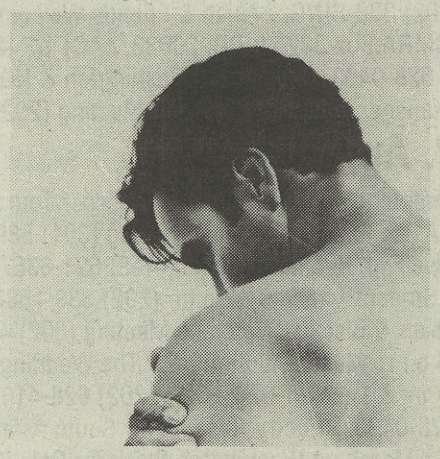


Delta Lambda Phi Semi-Formal Dance, at the Unitarian Church in Davis. 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Call 756-7838 for more info.



Second Saturday Art Receptions. See the **Gallery Guide** for information, page 19.

Big Art hosts an exhibition of art work of Lynn Guenard and Acrylics and watercolors by Flo Fahrenhiet both from Sacramento. Call 446-2740



Michael Himovitz Gallery. An art exhibition of the works of Eleanor Dickinson, Ike Eisenmann, and M. Louise Stanley. For info call 448-8723.

Working Artists Studio, at 1717 I Street. Opening reception from noon - 5 pm, featuring the work of Dexter Smith.

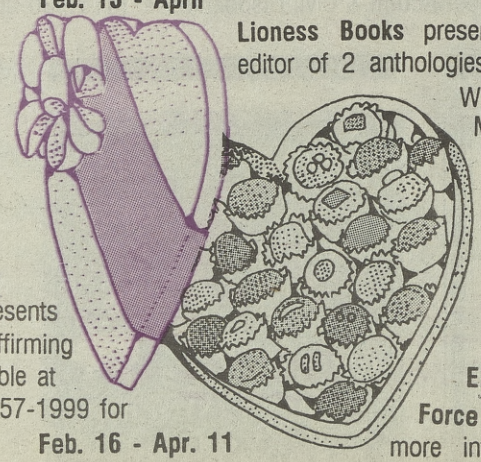
Feb. 13 - April

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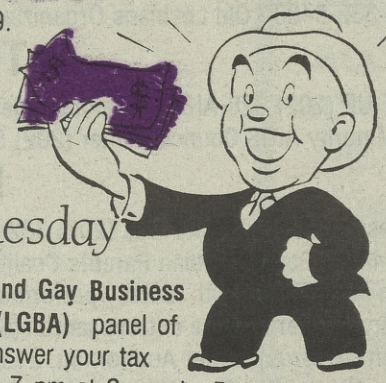
16 tuesday

The Sacramento Light Opera Association presents "Baby"- a funny, life affirming musical. Tickets available at BASS outlets or call 557-1999 for more information.



Feb. 16 - Apr. 11

Momix -- a company of dancers and illusionists at the Sacramento Community Center Theater. For more information call 757-3199.



17 wednesday

Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance (LGBA) panel of experts answer your tax questions; 7 pm at Carrow's Restaurant, 28th & J St., Call 641-8775 for information.

The New Lambda Board of Directors, introduction reception at the Lambda Center, 1931 L Street. Call 442-0185 for details.

The Mommies, at the Crest Theater. 7 p.m., For info call 442-7378.

19 friday

Home and Garden Show at Cal Expo

20 saturday

SACWN Valentine Dance, "At the Heart of Love," at the Unitarian Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd. Music by Jammin Jo. Call 451-8034 for details and tickets.

Lioness Books presents Sandra Martz, editor of 2 anthologies, "When I am Old Woman" and "If I Had My Life to Live Over I Would Pick More Daisys," 6 p.m., 2224 J Street. Call 442-4657 for more details.

Eldorado AIDS Task Force Open House For more info call 644-2736.



Crocker Art Museum presents Epic India: Scenes from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. Call 264-5423 for more info.

22 monday

UC Davis Mask Exhibit "Face the Nation," a national juried mask competition at the Design Gallery 145 Walker Hall on the UCD campus. For information call 752-1930.

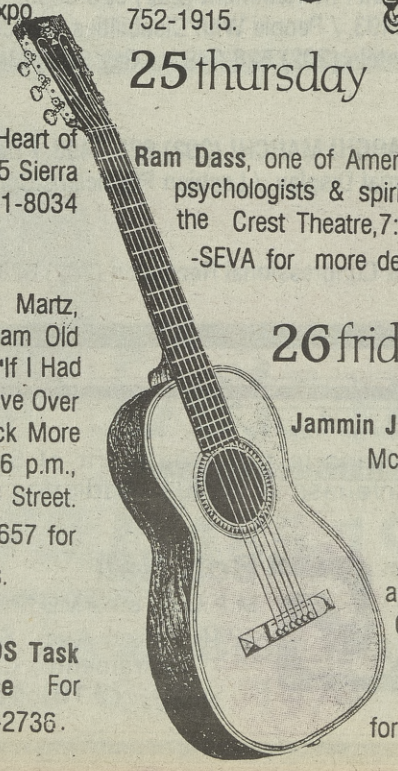
24 wednesday

The Borodin Trio, one of the world's leading piano trios will be performing at UC Davis Freeborn Hall at 8pm. For info call UCD Campus Box Office at 752-1915.



25 thursday

Ram Dass, one of America's best known psychologists & spiritual teachers, at the Crest Theatre,7:30 pm. Call 447 -SEVA for more details.



26 friday

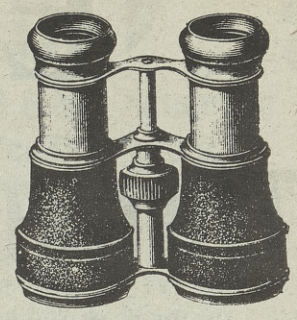
Jammin Jo presents Gwen McMiller and Elaine Bolton. 8 pm, Dance to follow at 9 pm, $5 advance, $6 door. One cool night is planned Call 489-5656 for more info.

March



7 sunday

Mary Daly at Lioness Books, 5 p.m. reading from "Outercourse", 2224 J Street.



10 wednesday

SAGLE, Sacramento Area Gay and Lesbian Educators meet. Contact 456-1610

11 thursday

Suzanne Sherman reads from "Lesbian and Gay Marriage" at Lioness Books, 2224 J Street at 7 p.m. Call 442-4657 for more details.

12 friday



Graham Scott a 23 yr old pianist is per forming at Kleiber Hall, UC Davis at 8 pm.. $10 general, $7.50 UCD Students.

Weekend Getaway in Reno. Join Greater Sacramento Area Couples (GSAC) and Aladdin Travel for an all- gay/lesbian trip. For more information call 331-3602 or 446-0633.

13 saturday



"La Cage Awful" at the Town House, 9 pm. A drag fundraiser open to any group or individual. Money is raised through pledges gathered by each contestant. Call Vannah at 421-3134 for details.

Presentation of Candidates for Emperor and Empress at the Town House. Part of the "La Cage Awful" evening.

AIDS Dance-a-thon - A five hour fundraising dance extravaganza at the Fort Mason Center in San Francisco. Proceeds to go to benefit Bay Area AIDS Organizations. For information call (415) 392-9255.

17 wednesday

Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance (LGBA) hosts M. Jane Pearce, Attorney at Law, discussing legal protections for gays, lesbians, and their same-sex partners; 7 pm at Carrow's Restaurant, 28th & J Streets. Call 641-8775 for more information.



St. Patrick's Day



19 friday

International Ms. Leather **"Meet the Contestants Party"** at the S.F. Eagle. 8 - 11 p.m.

20 saturday

International Ms. Leather Contest at Club Townsend, San Francisco. Call (415) 626-1672 for more info.

MONDAYS

Men's Coming Out Group at the Lambda Center, 1931 L Street. Call 442-0185 for details.

Lesbian and Gay Town Council, 2nd Monday of each month. Call 448-0422 for info.

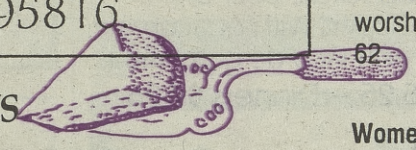
TUESDAYS

Sacramento Leather Association, monthly meeting at the Wreck Room, 7 p.m. First Tuesday of each month. For info call 737-0615.

Plan-It In Advance

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Heart to Heart, a HIV+ support group that is for gay and bi-men to talk about common emotions. 6:30 - 8 p.m. 920 20th Street. Call 448-2437 for info.



FRIDAYS

Cafe'Lambda coffee house at the Lambda Center 8 p.m. - midnight. Call 442-0185.

SATURDAYS

Gay Men's/Lesbian Running Group, all levels welcome. For more info call 387-8275 or 444-2835.

SUNDAYS

River City Metropolitan Community Church; 7 a.m. communion, 9 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service. For more info call 454-4762

Women of Color Support Group, every Sunday, 7:15 - 9 p.m. Lambda Center 1931 L Street. Call 442-0185 for info.

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Three Very Different Love Stories

by **Chris Narloch**

Flirting

Early on in the witty new Australian film, "Flirting," the young black heroine recites part of the lyrics to Little Richard's "Tutti Frutti" during a school debate. Teasing the boys on the oppposing team, she makes the song's sexuality both funny and erotic. Later in the movie, she and her white boyfriend explore each other's clothed bodies for the first time and talk about how it feels.

The wonderful thing about "Flirting" is how it treats its teenage lovers, like intelligent, sexually aware young people. They're never cloying like the kids we normally see in films and on t.v. - their coming of age is marked by real grown-up emotions.

Set in 1965 Australia at two boarding schools, one male, one female, just across a lake from each other, "Flirting" chronicles a budding romance between two square pegs, Danny and Thandiwe. Danny is a gawky bookworm taken to reciting philosophy, and Thandiwe, though striking, is set apart because of her color.



Thandie Newton, Kym Wilson and Naomi Watts in Flirting.

Two talented young actors, Noah Taylor and Thandie Newton, play the couple with a fine mixture of innocence and poise. They delight in rebelling against authority and deriding the peers who ostracize them, and their scenes together give the movie an easy, romantic spirit.

While "Flirting" falls prey to a few pitfalls of its teenage-outsider plot (there are many unsympathetic adult characters and a dumb "Rockyesque" fight scene), it remains true to its young heroes all the way to the conclusion. The genuine feeling they have for each other and the risks they take to sustain their relationship earn them the right to more than just "flirting." ⚡⚡⚡⚡

Lorenzo's Oil

If you want to see a real adult love story, go watch Nick Nolte and Susan Sarandon play the courageous parents of a young boy with a fatal illness in "Lorenzo's Oil."

The true story of the Udones, who battled the medical establishment in their quest to find a cure for ALD, is a human drama in the truest sense.

The filmmaking, especially the work by "Mad Max" director George Miller, is dazzling, and the actors take major risks and succeed. Nick Nolte tries on a difficult Italian accent and through force of talent, makes it work. Sarandon, meanwhile, is ferocious in an extremely demanding part. She plays a mother who would move heaven and earth to save her child. I'm beginning to think Sarandon has that same quality as an actress. ⚡⚡⚡⚡

Sommersby

Vicious rumours and sexual speculation aside, Richard Gere and Jodie Foster make an odd team for a love story, if only for their distinctly different acting styles.

In role, since childhood, Foster has given razor-sharp, intelligent performances, while Gere has honed his male bimbo persona in movies like "American Gigolo" and "Breathless."

Thanks to Hollywood's creative casting. there they are in each other's arms in the new movie "Sommersby." The story hinges on whether returning Civil War soldier Gere is or is not Jack Sommersby, Foster's long-lost husband. By the time the "ping-pong" climax finally settled the matter, I really didn't care.

With his inexpressive voice and modern mannerisms, I wasn't convinced Gere was in the right century, much less the right bed. To her credit, Foster does a fine steamy job as a woman who has kept the home fires burning. Unfortunately, where her co-star's acting is concerned, there's "nobody home." ⚡⚡

⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡ Must see
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Debbie Gibson BODY MIND SOUL

Every snack cake dreams of becoming a well-balanced meal one day, and our Little Debbie is no exception. Depending on your vantage point, she may have at least made it to a few of the basic food groups.

Deb tackles such topics as bigotry, the threat of AIDS, date rape and doomed relationships, and our Miss Gibson can be seen in a number of "mature" glamour shots (including a slit black skirt with fishnets!!).

Musically, she is also more adventurous than ever before -- and sounds almost hip -- on the sassy "Love or Money" and "Shock Your Mama." Like the thematically similar "Erotica" (I'm serious!), the weak link in Debbie's album is the trite lyrical content -- "You picked me up at eight for dinner at nine/ Baby where did that hour go?/ Your mother thinks I'm cool and everything's fine/ Boy the things that she doesn't know."

Gibson's progressing gradually the ratio of hits to misses is turning in her favor. If you're on a restricted diet, though, keep in mind, this time out, Debbie's still in the macaroni and cheese range.

Dionne Warwick - Friends Can Be Lovers

Speaking of restricted diets, check out Dionne's latest album cover -- whoever her surgeon is -- Fine job!!

Warwick looks younger than she did in the 60's! And I'll admit, that's part of the reason I bought the CD, hoping that with a new Burt Bacharach/ Hal David tune, Dionne was returning to the glorious "Do



You Know the Way to San Jose"/ "Valley of the Dolls" days.

"Sunny Weather Lover" is a pleasant enough tune, though it sounds suspiciously like Bacharach and Warwick's "That's What Friends Are For." Elsewhere, a crew of producers and writers provide her with enough catchy songs to make for a pleasant listen. The celebrity collaborations guest list includes Sting, Lisa Stansfield, and Whitney Houston, who duets with Auntie D. on "Love Will Find a Way" (co-written by Warwick's son).

Everything is varathaned to a brilliant sheen, but Warwick's delivery is as classy as ever. As "The Woman" suggests in the liner notes "...chill a bottle of your favorite beverage, put together a few of your favorite snacks, call someone you want to be with, kick back and ENJOY!"

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Better late than never, right? Yes, the album has been out for months, but I've been hesitant to buy it, due to my boredom with singer Michael Stipe's relentless "important statement" making. So, I've missed a few month's of listening enjoyment.

I'll make up for that by playing this ad nauseum (ask poor Downstairs Linda and her cat!). This album is a fine collection of mostly folksy tunes highlighted by "Try Not to Breathe," "Man on the Moon" and the beautiful "Everybody Hurts."

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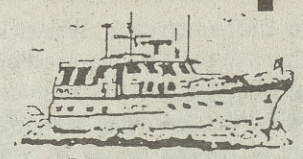
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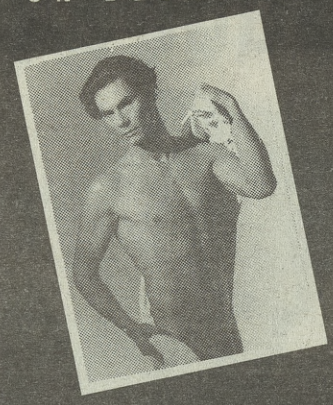


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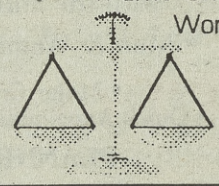
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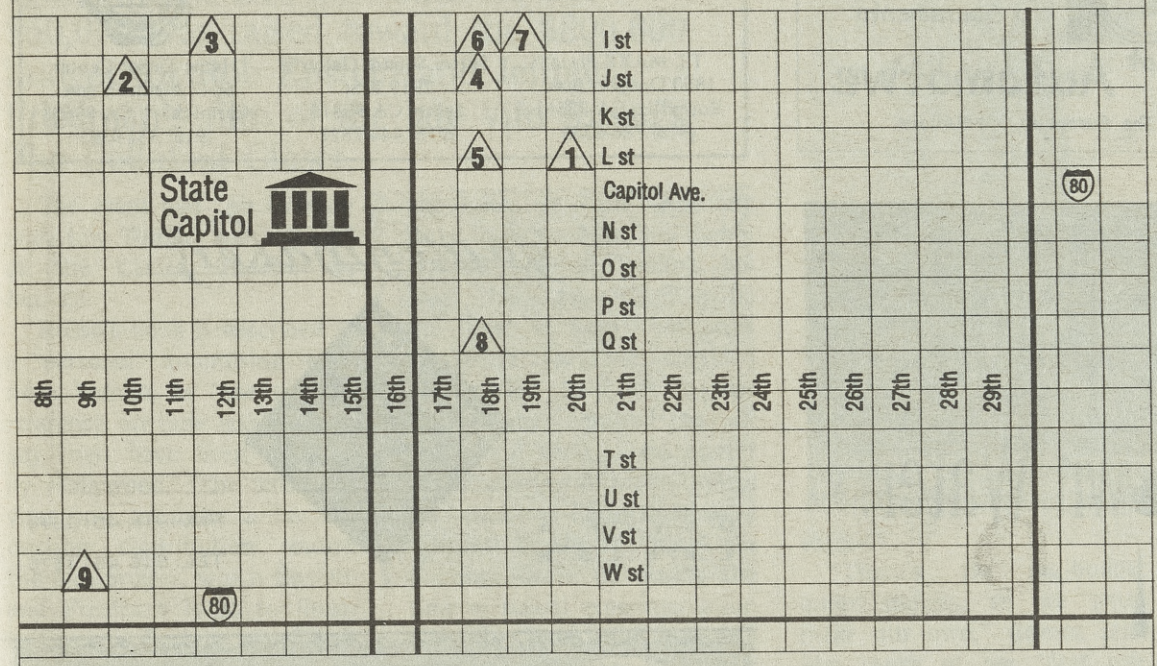
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GALLERY GUIDE!

Galleries Present "Second Saturday" Openings

by D. Oldham

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Sacramento galleries have synchronized their opening receptions in an attempt to provide a monthly "gallery hopping" night.

This new program dubbed "Second Saturday" will feature city-wide art openings taking place on the second Saturday evening of each month through December 1993.

The first opening took place in January and drew many viewers into the downtown galleries as well as allowing regular patrons to attend as many as five receptions in a single evening. Gallery attendance was up as much as 50 percent for some spaces which created a loop of viewers passing from one gallery to another. "It was surprising," said Michael Prawdzik of the 750 Gallery, "We had quite a few people come through, it remains to be seen if it was a novelty, but we hope the crowds will continue to come."

The 750 Gallery will feature a group show for the next scheduled opening on Saturday Feb. 13, and will feature a solo exhibition of local favorite David Wetzel for the March 13 opening.

The receptions begin as early as 5:30 and wind down by 9:00, making this an excellent opportunity to get an overview of Sacramento's art community by visiting several galleries in a single evening. Some galleries, like the Dean Moniz Gallery on Q Street, will present special one night only events during the second Saturday schedule.

These synchronized receptions make it easier to attend many openings, meet the artists, and sample this area's diverse visual art community, so mark your calendar for the "Second Saturday" of each month and spend an evening supporting Sacramento art.

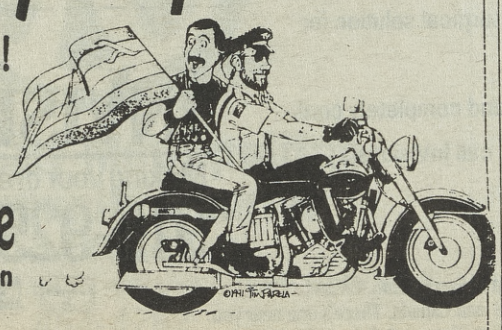


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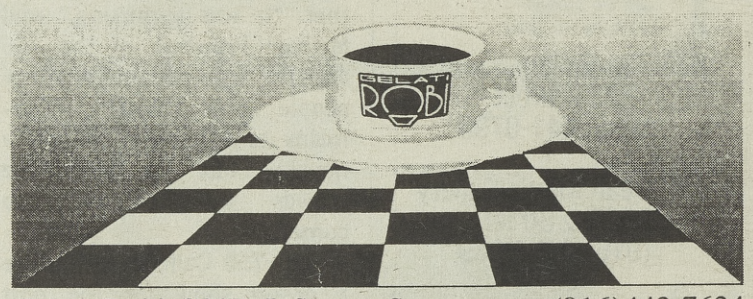
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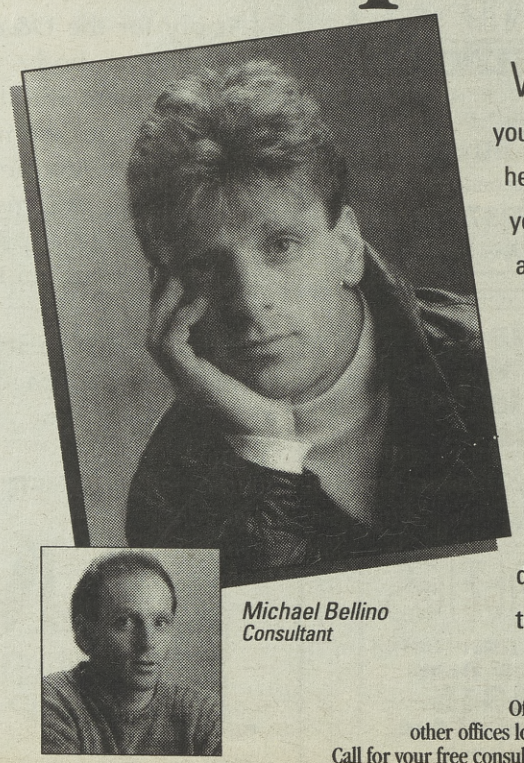
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by **Steve Warren**

Ernestine Tomlin "sang" a duet with Lypsinka, Harvey Fierstein announced a deal with CBS, Robin Williams narrowly missed Gus Van Sant, local lesbian comic Marga Gomez held her own against the formidable competition; and an estimated $40 - $50,000 was raised toward the $800,000 budget for Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman's film of the late Vito Russo's The Celluloid Closet.

The event was "An Evening with Lily Tomlin and Friends" at the Castro Theatre on Jan. 22.

Russo's book is described in a "personal" fundraising letter from Tomlin, as "the seminal reference on how lesbians and gay men have been depicted by Hollywood." The letter invites you to make a tax deductible contribution toward the film project, which Epstein and Friedman hope to finish this year. Epstein and Friedman have collaborated on "Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt," "Where Are We? Our Trip through America" Epstein also made "The Times of Harvey Milk."

The 1500 who filled the Castro got more for their money than a chance to play a role in gay cinematic history; they got an evening of once-in-a-lifetime entertainment.

It began with a tacky lounge singer tickling the keys of the Castro's Wurlitzer and recalling 40 years of the city's social history in terms of tired pop tunes. It wasn't just any tacky lounge singer, but Bobbi Jeanine, one of Tomlin's beloved characters. Happy to be the heart of "San Francisco's alternative lovestyle district," she recalled the Black Cat bar ("I've always admired the cut of a good dress -- no matter who's wearing it"), the topless era (she and Carol Doda were "bosom buddies"), how her marriage broke up during the time of sexual experimentation ("My husband told me he'd looked at love from both sides now. My side lost,") the changing bar scene ("What's it all about -- Alfie's), and the Moscone and Milk assassinations ("Dianne Feinstein became mayor -- or was that Michael Feinstein?"). Summed up: "In the '70s the anthem was 'I Will Survive'. In the '80s, it was 'Will I Survive?'. Now it's the '90s and it's 'We Must Survive.'"

Everyone, including "surprise guest" Robin Williams, was in top form, except for Fierstein, who couldn't do as much in the thankless role of emcee.



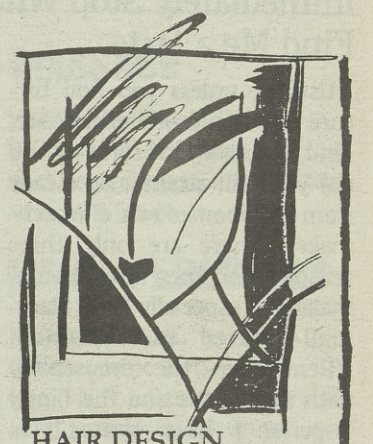
Rick Gerharter

Lily Tomlin as Ernestine and Lypsinka face off during the benefit performance for the film "The Celluloid Closet.

"There's no big-budget queer movies, so we gotta make our own," Gomez said. She spoke of her "first role model," Miss Hathaway on The Beverly Hillibillies, and sarcastically lamented the Colorado boycott: "Now I can't go skiing in Aspen; and that's why my people, the Gomezes, came to America." She said the military doesn't have to worry about an influx of gays and lesbians: "Are they afraid we're all gonna enlist?...Don't you have to get up early there?"

Russo himself returned via videotape to present the case of how movies encourage gay-bashing. In the '40s, he said, gay actors like Franklin Pangborn and Edward Everett Horton were fun; but when we became liberated "we became real and therefore threatening " and no longer funny. Film clips shown throughout the evening were among those that will be used in the screen version of his book. "Our plan is to let the images tell the story," Friedman said when he and Epstein took the stage briefly to thank everyone for coming.

Not a woman to do things half-heartedly, Tomlin went all out on this show. She and Russo were friends for a long time, and she's doing her best to see his life's work carried on. If you want to help, you can send a donation to Reflective Image, 347 Dolores St., Suite 307, SF 94110.

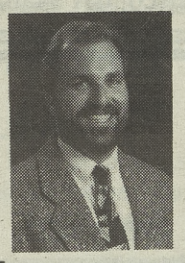


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by **Stacy Selmants**

One of the few disadvantages of being married is that others feel you have some kind of divine insight into The Mating Process, and with springtime approaching, in a hormone-induced frenzy, (oh please, oh please, oh please) they will demand that you immediately Stop What You're Doing and Find Me a Date.

Usually, unless you find torture to be an erotic experience, (and we know that some of you do) you will attempt to escape from the doomed role of matchmaker. There are only three reliable outcomes from matchmaking -- especially from blackmail-induced matchmaking, ("Remember the houseparty with the llamas and the flimsy lingerie? I have photos.") -- where you will be forced to make some desperate, deadline, superficial choices.

"He's perfect for you! He has a penis!"

"But, I'm a lesbian. I was hoping for someone with hips."

The choices are: 1) one of the matchees will not be interested; 2) neither of the matchees will be interested; or 3) they will both be interested, and will embark upon a short, painful, psychologically damaging affair full of hateful remarks which you will have to hear about, in the wee hours of the morning.

And once you have made a few dangerous matchups, ("I'm just curious. WHAT made you think I would want to date a man who looks like Bonnie Pointer?") usually the persistent matchee will finally get the idea that your own, happy relationship is the result of nothing more than dumb luck (and a winning response to a personals ad.) But there are the other misguided datees, who will just continue to badger you until you fix them up in fully dysfunctional romantic nightmares that they can talk about for years.

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> "He's perfect for you! He has a penis!"

A recent "Cruise-A-Thon" was held at the Cabana on Superbowl Sunday, involving four t.v. sets; 9,007 gallons of beer; and 40 people, 12 of whom were single men looking for a dance partner. Amid ogling pedestrians from the sundeck, fighting over seats, and some crowd outrage over the baby, Emily, winning the betting pool (she's still teething, but she understands the niceties of a good point spread,) connections were made, and unleashed testosterone wafted crazily through the springlike air.

While a few of us were hooting at my "Oxnard High: Potential for Disaster" video of commuter jets gently grazing the roof of the gym as young football players ran screaming for their lives (a shamelessly manipulative video we once used in a lobbying effort,) other party stragglers were in the back, making one of the beds dance.

While the bed dancing was (allegedly) a non-sexual group backrub (in the dark) the thought of my wife in a stroke-fest with half a dozen men in the dark was not a comforting one. However, at least two of the matchees found each other's necks, and Suzie's not pregnant, so all in all, the event was considered a success. However, we must warn you, that no matter how many of your friends may beg, do NOT try to do this at your home. Leave it to the trained professionals.

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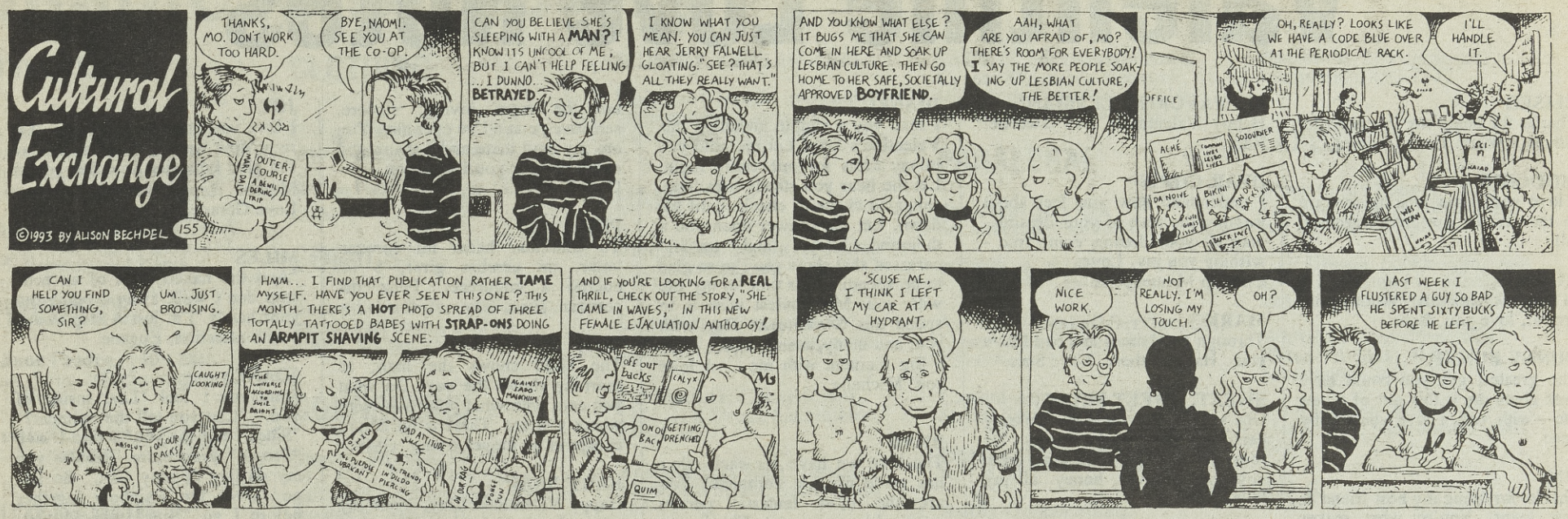
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MOOCHIE
I love you! I am looking forward to the rest of our lives together. LIL

RON
In Kentucky anxiously waiting your arrival, love you, Bob.

HUNNY BUNNY
The greatest gift you could have ever given me is this gift of a new life - with you. I love you Booby Face.

JIM
Thanks for being my best friend & best lover. You're what makes Valentine's Day happy, I love you, John.

RICARDO
Personas comotu se encuentran una sola vez en la vida. Te quiero mucho mi amigo! E.G.

KELLY
The deep longing has turned into a cavernous constant craving. Please come home soon! I love you! Melody

SANDY
Will you be my sweetheart forever? Happy Valentine's Day I love you! Deborah

MY DARLING BEAR
I love you so much. You are a wonderful partner, lover, associate and friend. Please be my valentine forever. Your Silver Fox.

JOANNE
Thanks for being such a loyal and supportive fan all of these years. If I ever thought about trying the other side of life you would be my first choice. with love Barbara.

SHARON
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DEAR CHRIS
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MARK
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SWEET, SWEET MARY
One year + later, and you've truly captured my heart. Ready for forever?! Be my Valentine from now until forever, honey. all my love, Geni

L
Our love is so precious to me, thank you for being a part of my life. I love you, your Diwee.

THERESA
Even though we've broken up a few months ago and I'm now in Sacramento and you're in L.A. and the odds of you even getting this message is one in a million. I want to let you know that you're still the only one that holds the key to my heart. I love you, I miss you and as Shanice puts it "I'm saving forever for you."
Happy Valentine's Day with love, Cheryl.

LISA
I can't believe it's going on 2 wonderful years. Thanks for being my friend & lover! Happy Valentine's Day! I love you, Dawn

MARY!
My heart belongs to you, as does every other part of my body! - G

BUFFALO CLUB WOMEN
Happy Valentine's Day, Ruth

RUSS
I have you on my mind...Now I want you on my body. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, James.

DEAR KEVER,
Even though I'm not what you need right now in your life, and it has been difficult for me to understand this, please always remember - I will always have a special place in my heart for you. I know you will someday reach your "sea of tranquility."

DIANE!
I send you a simple invitation this Valentine's Day: Let me hold you in my arms for one entire night, Let me hear you steady breathing, snuggled cheek to cheek, until the dawn, Let me shower upon you a thousand kisses, and ten-fold caresses, that show you I'm so glad to be spending this time in my life with you. My fondest wish is to spend this Sweethearts Day with you, and many, many, more. Steal a Big moment with me.....I love you! Michelle.

BRAD
The love we have for each other has made my life complete! You are the most fantastic person imaginable and more. Thank you for loving me! I love you now and forever. Nico

DEAR C.W.Y.
I love you and thank you. Love L.D.K..

DELTA LAMBDA PHI
At UC Davis -- Thanks for always being my friends. I love you all. Elmer.

PETER
It's the second time around for you and I both. I hope and pray that someday soon we'll always be together. I love you, sweet baby. Ron.

HEY MEATMAN
Come home, I'll light the candles- love, L.K.

WANTED:
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FRANKIE
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STEPHEN T.
Thanks for loving me so intensely the way you do. You make me feel so secure and safe. You've shown me love doesn't have to hurt or be painfull. Most importantly is you've reminded me of my self worth by that I mean you gave me back myself that I had lost. You are the most loving, sincere, sensitive person I've ever met. You are my soul mate and I thank god every day for you.I love you.
Clay L.

PHIL
Tu continuar hacer mi corozan volar, mi cerebro girar, e mi cuerpo a endurecer. Feliz dia corozan. Eric.

RAM
The child shows the man, as morning shows the day. Do what you can, with what you have, with where you are. There is no failure except in no longer trying. GMS.

BABY BEAR
Happy Valentine's Day, Your my one and only Valentine. I love you Beary much. Love Mama Bear.

DONIVAN
"You ask how much I need you must I explain I need you oh my darling like roses need rain you ask how long I'll love you I'll tell you true until the twelfth of never I'll still be loving you." with love Kona.

RACHELLE
I love.. the look of you/ When your eyes meet mine/ The sound of you/ Whispering softly to me/ The warmth of you/ With your arms around me/ The touch of you/ the feel of you/ the fit of you/ I love you! Be mine forever! love Cyndi.

JOHN G
So glad you came home from L.A. It's great snuggling with you and warming up your ___. Your old Sac Slut Sister.

JERRY
in Watsonville- Ever since we met in 1980, I've loved you as no other. You've alway's been my one and only. Mike

JIM
Your Buddha loves you still.

JAMES
Your business travels in Canada and my global trotting now to Hawaii can separate us only temporarily. I already feel my "Mr. Nike" at my feet, waiting to satisfy my every desire. You and I make a beautiful leather pair. Love, Daddy Mike.

SUZIE
After 3 years, I still adore your rampant silliness, enjoy your quick mind and fierce will to fight for the underdog, and greatly appreciate your patience with me. (All your soft, warm spots aren't bad either!) I'll love you always. - Stace.

JOE
I love you very much.I know that right now we are miles apart, but I'm glad I married you. See you in March. Happy Valentine's Day. Love Gerane.

MILES
"And the naked bone of an echo says don't walk away - reach out your hands "I'm just A step away" - with affection, Eugene.

JOANE
Sometime I feel "Lost inside of you." "Can you tell the moment?" "Since I fell for you" I find I love "People" even more. Besides you my darling "Funny Girl." So lets go "Over the Rainbow together before I go "Nuts" without you. "What are you doing the rest of your life?" I hope you will be spending it with me. "We've only just begun." Love, Barbara.

ELLEN
To a great friend and a wonderful person. Drop by whenever you need a hug. Love L+S.

EARL
Happy Valentine's Day. Love George.

STACY
You are my "most favorite person in all the world!!" I love your buns now more than ever! Suzie.

CHOOLA BUG
I love you even on Tuesdays. Your Partner.

KATE
Will you marry me (again)? You're still the one. Love forever and ever, Sara

SARA
Yes. I'd marry you one thousand times. Love Kate

B. DUCK
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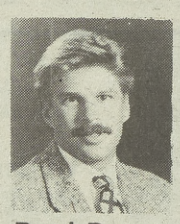
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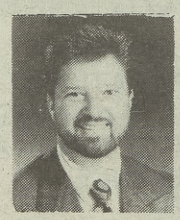
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